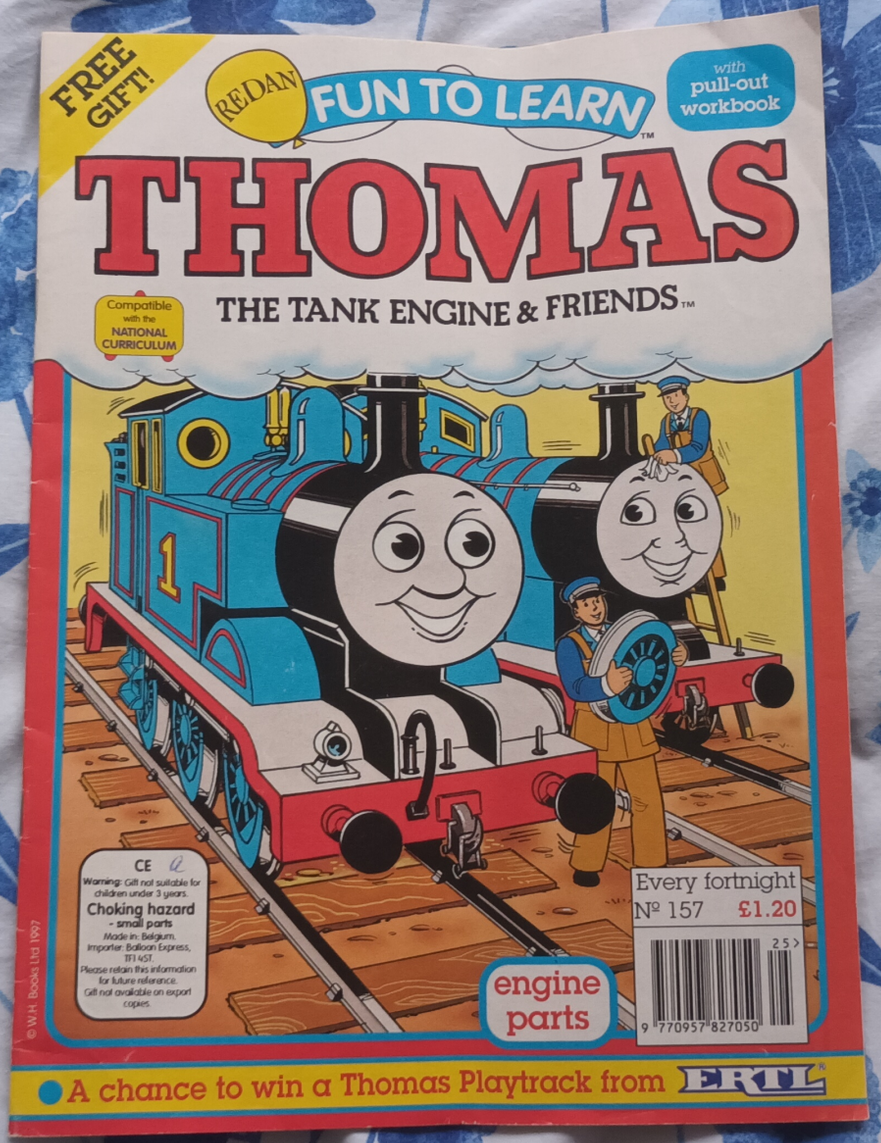
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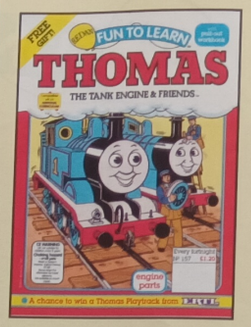

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A read aloud story

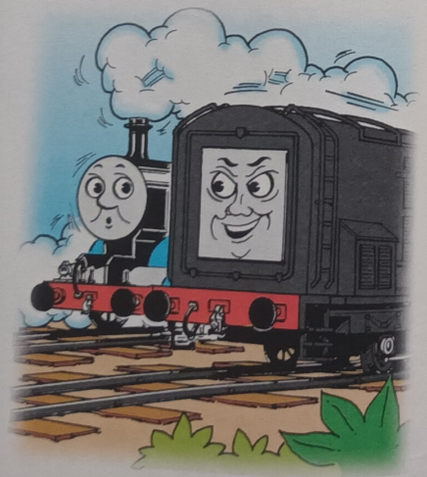
DIESEL AND THE TRUCKS

1 Trains are pulled by an engine at the front and some are slowed down by a brake van at the back. If the brakes were at the front of the train, all the trucks and carriages would bump into each other as the one at the front slowed down.

2 Diesel had been sent by the Fat Controller to the end of Thomas' branch line to collect some trucks. He had already tried to get them once but he ran out of oil along the way.

3 Diesel was in a bad mood because Thomas had had to rescue him and because his passengers had laughed at him. He bumped the trucks hard. "Ooh! Ow!" groaned the trucks. "We'll get you, Mr Diesel!" But Diesel took no notice.

4 Diesel was coupled up to the trucks and was about to set off when Thomas arrived. "Diesel!" cried Thomas. "You will need a brake van to pull all those trucks!" But Diesel was not listening. "Thomas knows nothing about trucks. He is used to shunting a few trucks in the yard but not pulling a whole train of them," he thought. He slid away with his trucks and without a brake van.

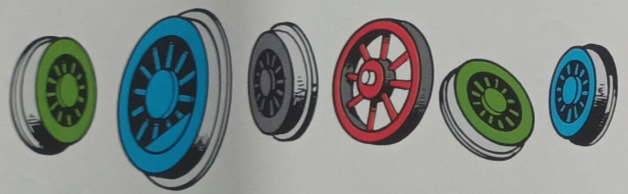


5 The trucks giggled. They waited until Diesel was back at the main station and had turned into a siding. Diesel could see the buffers at the end of the siding up ahead and his driver put his brakes on. "Now!" said the trucks.

6 The trucks all bumped into each other and made a great big bump into Diesel. He could not stop! He crashed into the buffers, knocking them down, and went on into a pile of coal. Later the Fat Controller went to see Diesel and said, "I hope this will be a lesson to you." "Yes, Sir," said Diesel, and he decided he would listen to Thomas' advice in future.

COUNTING TIME

Here are some of the engines' different parts, for you to count.



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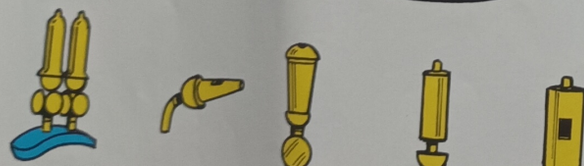

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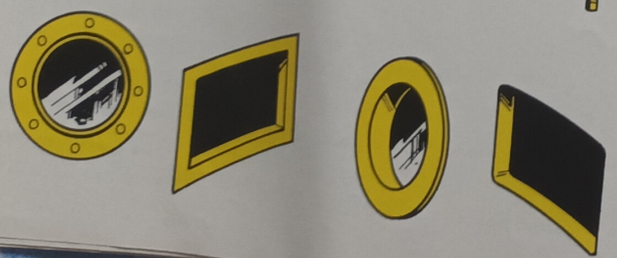

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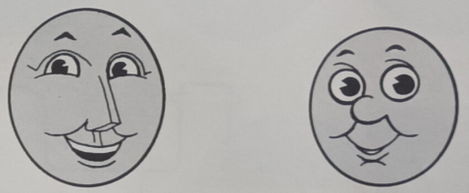
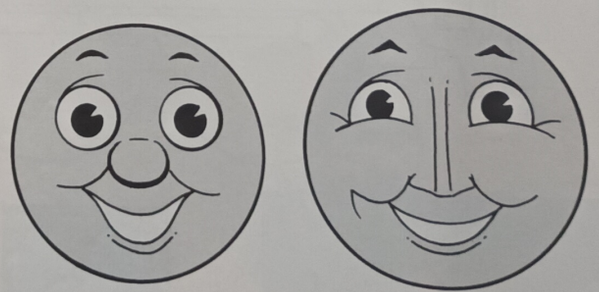


faces

How many engines?

Draw in their missing funnels and add some rising steam.



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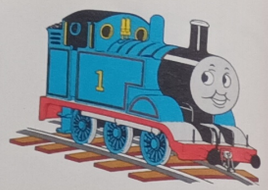
PARTS OF THOMAS



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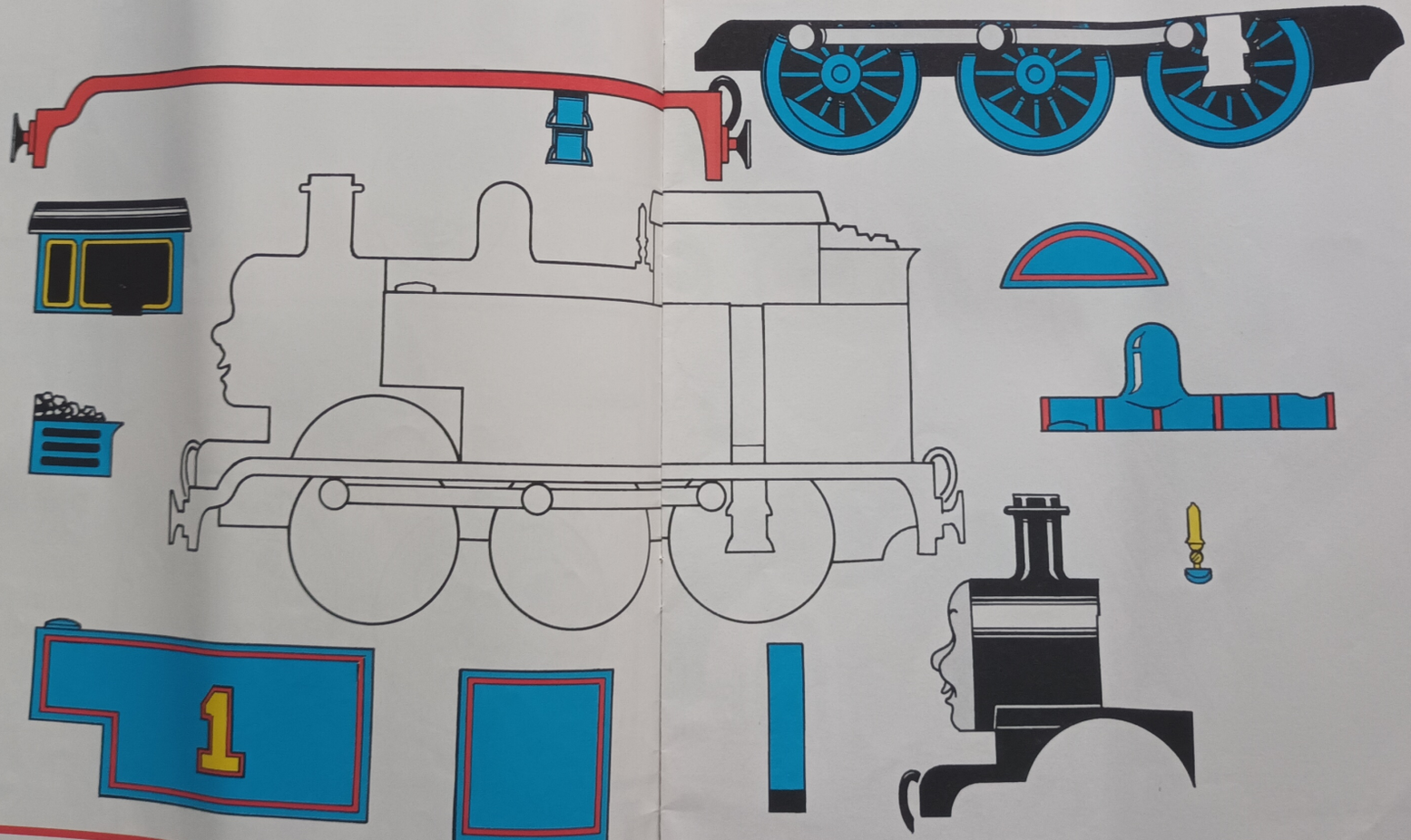

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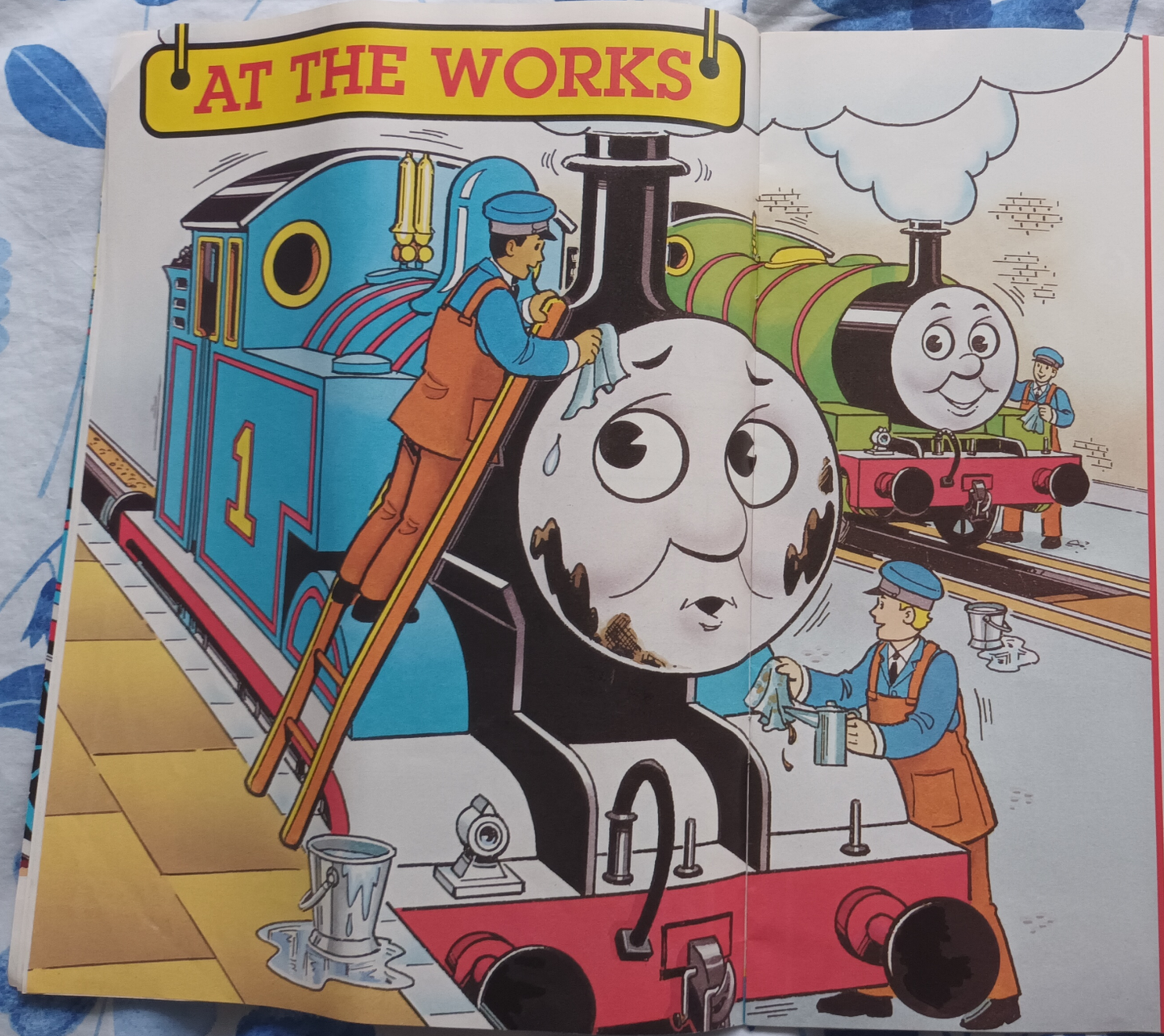

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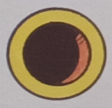
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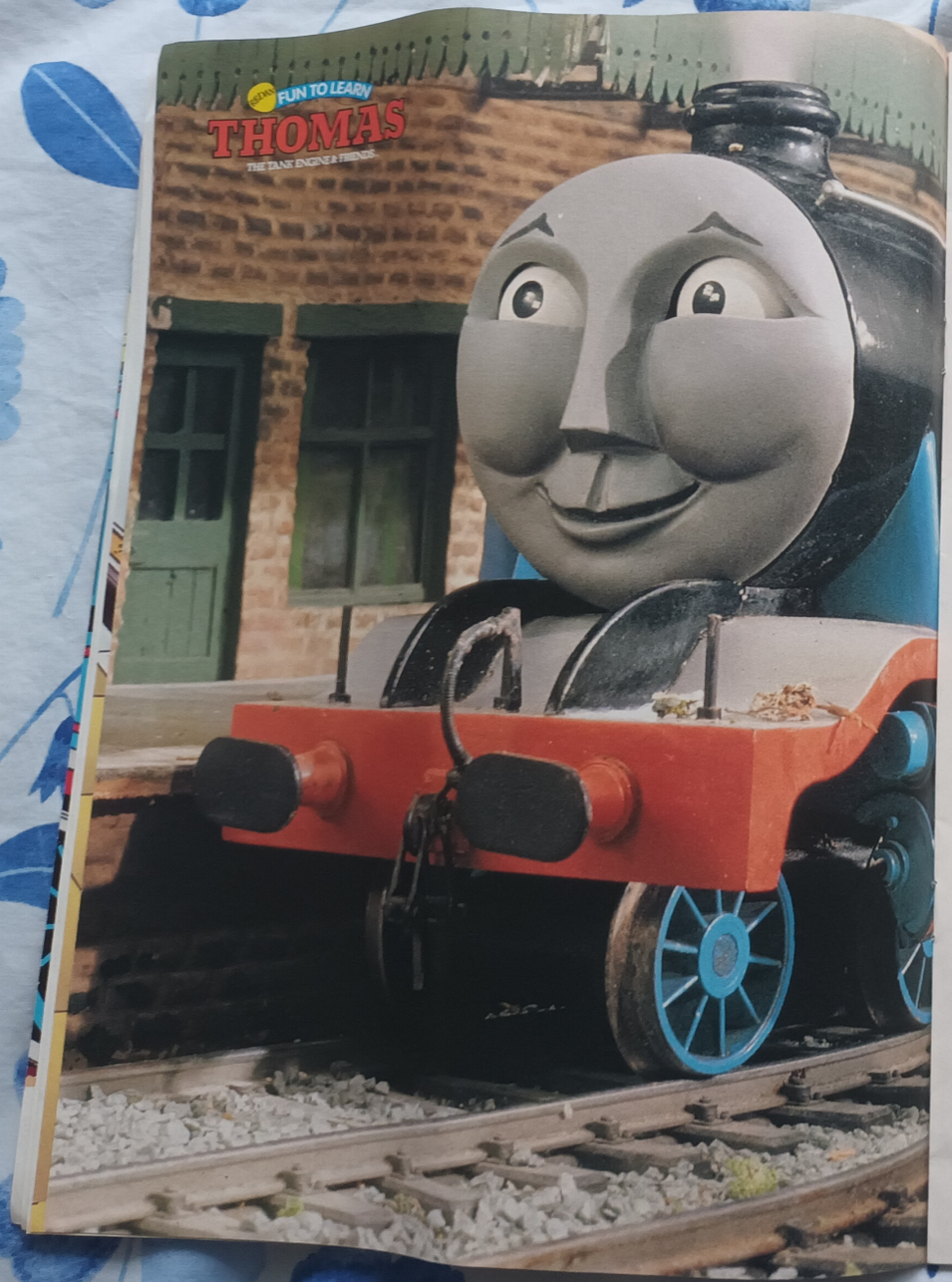

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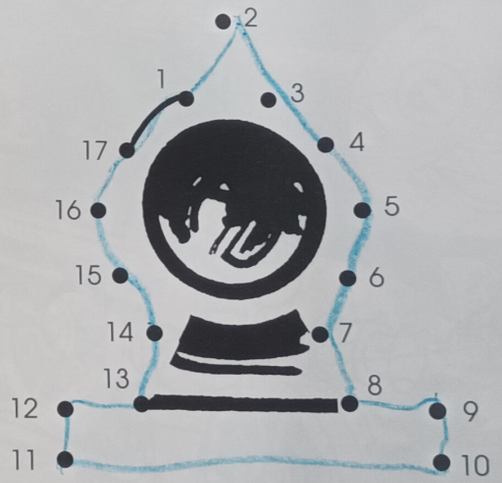
Join the dots to see what part of Thomas' engine this is.



It is his... lamp

(write over the letters, starting at the dots)

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count

Write the numbers in the boxes.

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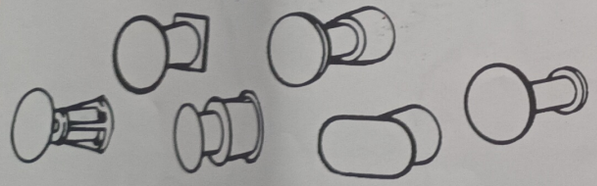
4 wheel arches



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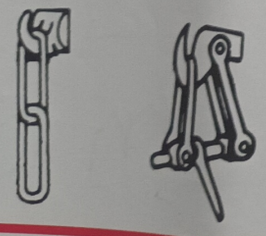

3 coupling hooks

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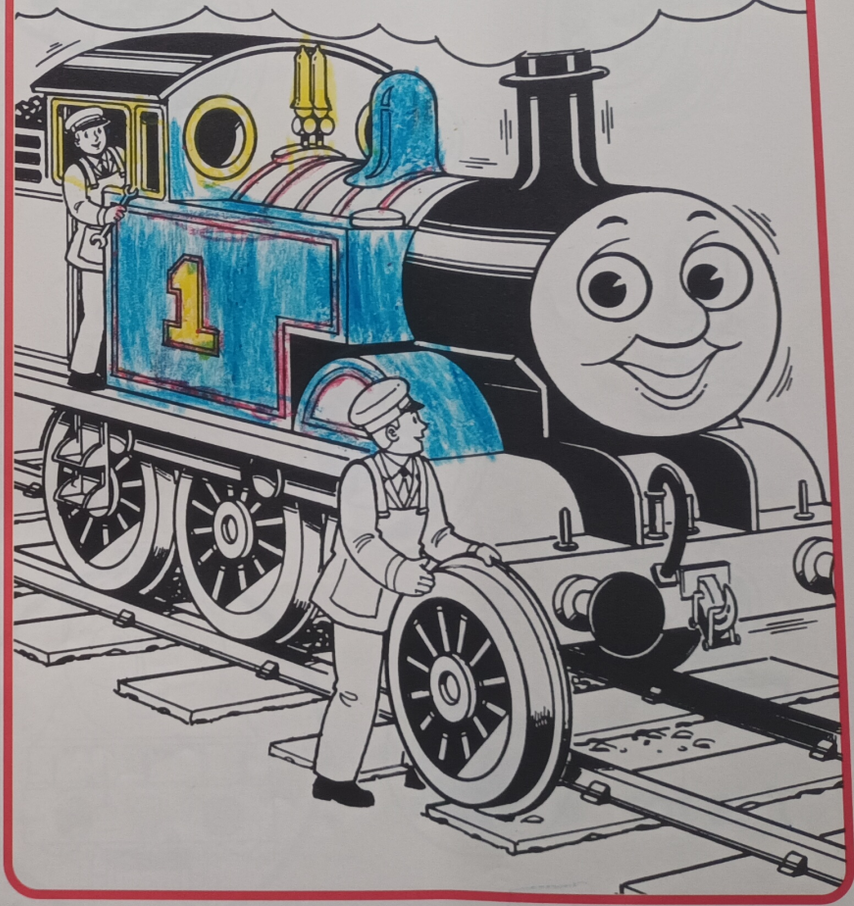
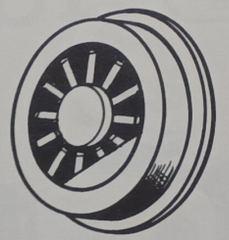


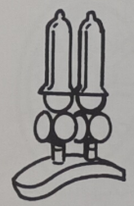
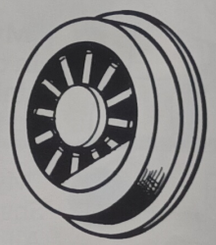
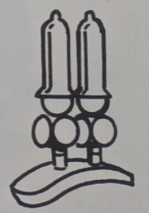
Draw Thomas in the space.

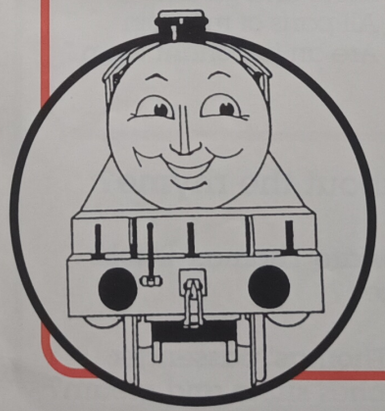
T is for Thomas

(write over the letters, starting at the dots)

Draw lines to join each object to its partner.





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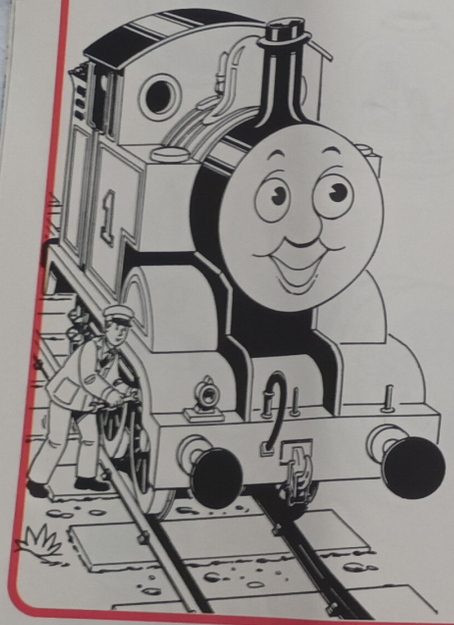

"Every engine,"
Thomas says,
"Knows his train
In different ways.

"A big steam engine
Must control
A tender which is
Full of coal.

"My trucks follow
In a chain,
Linked by couplings
To take the strain.

"My passenger coaches
Shine and gleam.
All parts of my train
Are an important team."

What do you remember about the rhyme?

- Does every engine know his train?
- What must a big steam engine control?
- How are Thomas' trucks linked?
- Do Thomas' passenger coaches shine and gleam?

wheels

wheels

(write over the letters, starting at the dots)

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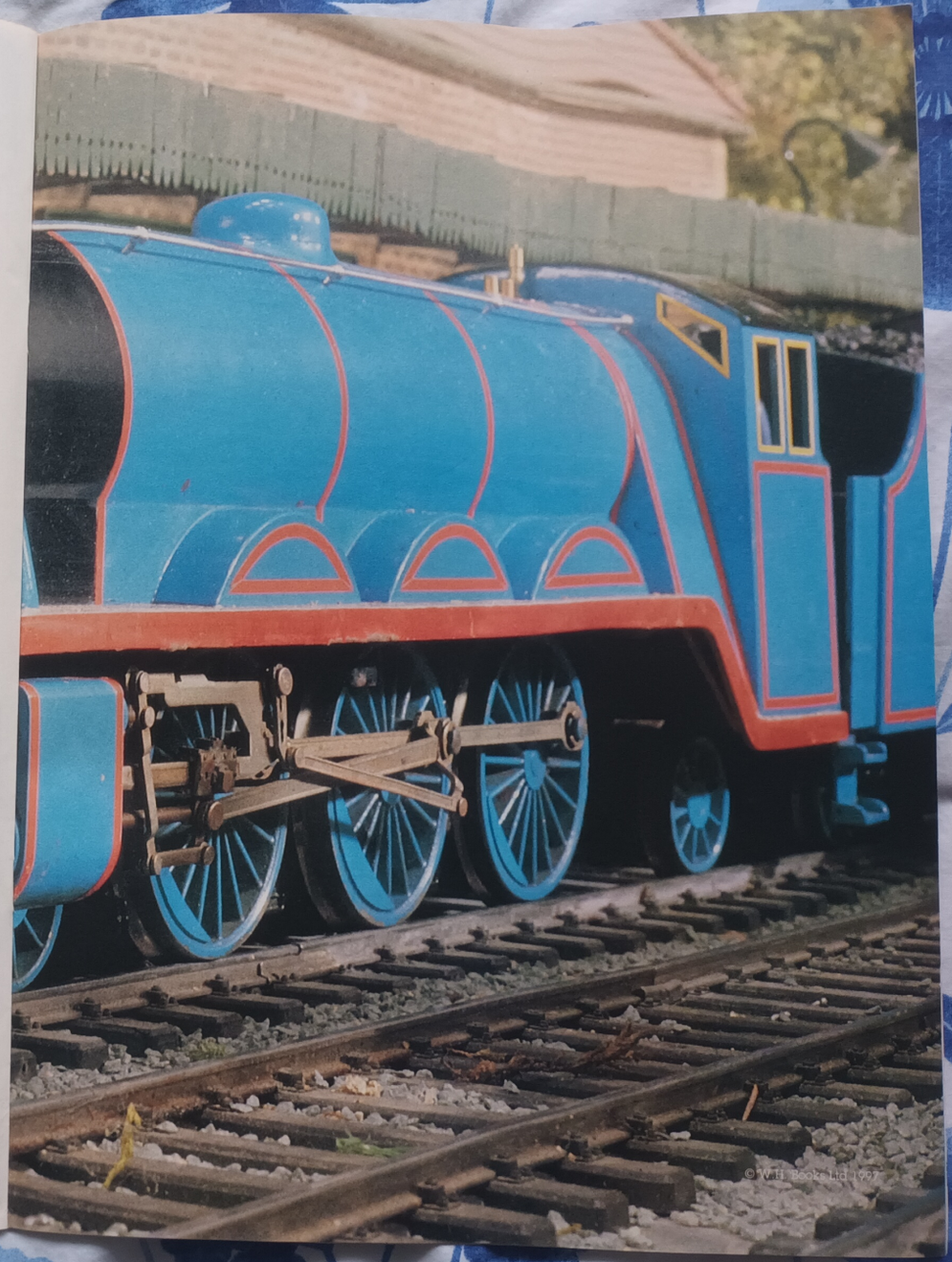

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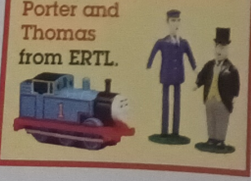

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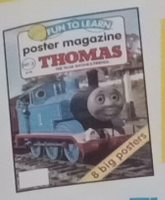

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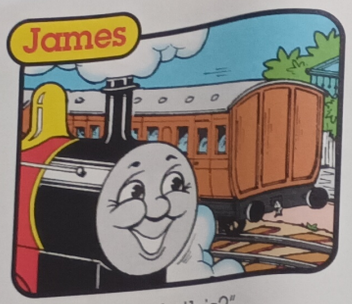
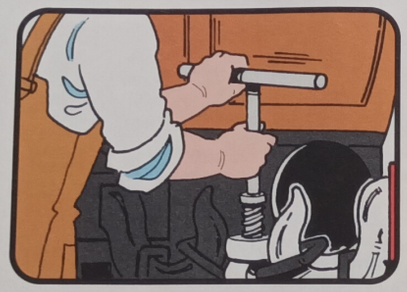


"Whose train is this?"
James wants to know.

"Each carriage is tidy
And ready to go.

The guards' van is loaded
With luggage and such.



Couplings are checked.
They're tight to the touch.

All this train needs
Is an engine! But who?"

"James!" comes a voice.
"We're waiting for you!"

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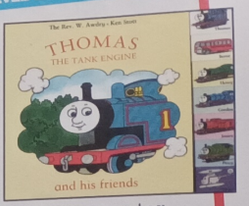

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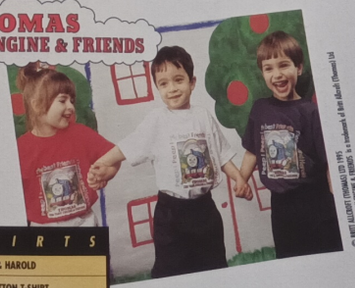

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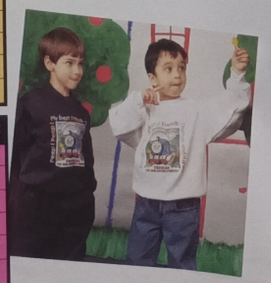

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